

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
AMITE RIVER BASIN DRAINAGE & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

3535 S. Sherwood Forest Boulevard, Suite 135, Baton Rouge, LA

**April 15, 2014**

MEMBERS PRESENT DURING ROLL CALL: Don Thompson, Terry Louque, Ben Babin, John Brass, David Hoover, William “Carey” Jenkins, Willie George Lee, Anthony “Tony” Rouchon, Jerry Thibeau, Larry Thomas, Kenneth Wade Welborn

MEMBERS ABSENT: Russell Cornette

NOTE: Vacant Seat (Livingston Parish)

ALSO PRESENT: ARBC Executive Director Dietmar Rietschier, ARBC Executive Secretary Toni Guitrau, ARBC Legal Counsel: Larry Bankston, and Jenna Linn, BKI: Matthew Weakley

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Thompson.
2. Public Comments on Agenda Items: None. ARBC President Thompson commended Bankston & Associates, L.L.C. for the outstanding job representing the ARBC admirably during the Campbell v. ARBC trial.
3. Minutes
  - The Board unanimously approved a motion by Rouchon, second by Hoover to approve the March 18, 2014 regular meeting minutes as presented.
4. Financial Statement Report:
  - Rouchon presented to the Board the March 2014 General Fund and CRDC Fund financial statements. The Board unanimously approved a motion by Babin, second by Thibeau to approve the March 2014 General Fund and CRDC Fund financial statements.
5. Report by Executive Director
  - Rietschier reported on the status of mitigation and Advanced Acquisition property.
  - Rietschier presented and explained to the Board 4 maps which illustrate properties that have been acquired and that need to be acquired from the west to the east of the Comite River Diversion Canal Project.
  - Briefed the Board on the status of the Floodplain Management Plan.
  - Rietschier stated that he emailed the Board information regarding legislative Bills being proposed including one that is to create a CRDC Project Task Force by Representative Hodges.
6. Report by ARBC Legal Counsel
  - The Board unanimously approved a motion by Rouchon, second by Babin to add to the agenda Resolution 1108 – Certificate of Authorization to Expropriate.
  - The Board unanimously approved a motion by Rouchon, second by Thibeau to affirm the adoption of the Certificate of Authorization to Expropriate – Resolution 1108 - to expropriate property, known as Tract 100E-1 located along W. Irene Road in East Baton Rouge Parish, Louisiana, necessary and related to the Comite River Diversion Canal Project. Bankston made mention that the Board had previously adopted and follow the same expropriation rules as the LaDOTD.
  - Bankston thanked Chris Knotts, William Delmar and DOTD for all the effort and help they gave in reference to the Campbell v. ARBC, case. Further, Bankston acknowledged the assistance of the USACE, and Bobby Duplantier in particular for his assistance as a witness in the case.
  - The Board unanimously approved a motion by Rouchon, second by Babin to enter into Executive Session for 10 minutes to discuss Campbell v. ARBC, et al litigation.
  - The Board returned to regular session.
7. Old Business: RFQ Status: A draft Request for Qualifications (RFQ) document was recommended to the Board by the RFQ Committee at the March 18, 2014 regular meeting. The intent is to receive RFQ(s) from several engineering/consultant firms that would then allow the ARBC to generate a working ‘list’ of engineering firms to choose from as needed per job or task.
8. New Business
  - The Board unanimously approved a motion by Rouchon, second by Babin to authorize wire transfers consistent with budgeted payroll and state retirement benefits.
9. The Board unanimously approved a motion by Welborn, second by Louque to adjourn the meeting.

APPROVED:

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/s/ Don Thompson  
Don Thompson, ARBC President  
Date: May 13, 2014

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/s/ Toni B. Guitrau  
Toni B. Guitrau, Executive Secretary